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Secretary Kathleen Sebelius
United States Department of
Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201
VIA EMAIL: highriskpools@cms.hhs.gov

Dear Madam Secretary:

Thank you for your letter dated April 2, 2010. This response is notification that the State of Michigan intends to submit an application to partner with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to offer Michigan residents access to coverage through a high risk pool mechanism as specified in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).

While Michigan is not one of the 34 states currently operating a high risk pool, we look forward to working closely with HHS to provide coverage to those individuals meeting the eligibility requirements set forth in the PPACA. Based on the information currently available, Michigan would likely subcontract with a health carrier or insurer in the health market to deliver subsidized coverage to the eligible high risk population.

Michigan plans to develop a high risk program consistent with and pursuant to the establishment and implementation guidance to be issued by your office, as soon as the same is made available. If you require any additional information, please feel free to contact me at (517) 335-5834 or via email at Rossk1@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

Ken Ross
Commissioner

cc: Governor Jennifer M. Granholm
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